

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 20 and ending at page 3, line 14 to read as follows:

The present invention also provides a process of manufacturing a hollow plastic product with a substantially tubular section and a thread at the outside of one end of the product, the process comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a cavity mold part that includes (i) a generally cylindrical portion for forming at least an outside segment of a substantially tubular section of a hollow plastic product that also has a thread at the outside of one end of the product and (ii) a thread-forming portion for forming the thread of the product;
- (b) providing a core mold part that includes (i) a generally cylindrical portion for forming at least an inside segment of the substantially tubular section of the product and (ii) an inner core that is movable relative to the generally cylindrical portion of the core mold part for forming a portion an inside segment of the product lying inside the thread when the inner core is protracted relative to the generally cylindrical portion of the core mold part;
- (c) combining the cavity mold part with the core mold part ~~and protracting with~~ the inner core being protracted relative to the generally cylindrical portion of the core mold part to configure a mold cavity for forming the product;
- (d) injecting plastic material into the mold cavity to form the molded plastic product;
- (e) retracting the inner core relative to the generally cylindrical portion of the core mold part; and

(f) separating the core mold part from the cavity mold part to thereby remove the thread from the thread-forming portion of the cavity mold part while retaining the molded product on the core mold part.